

Remarks:

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Knoll for the courtesy shown to Applicants' representative during the telephonic interview of March 18, 2005, in which the finality of the present Office Action was withdrawn.

Claims 1 - 5, 7 - 28, 30 - 46, 93 and 94 are presently pending in the application. No claims have been amended or canceled.

In item 1 of the above-identified Office Action, claims 1 - 5, 7 - 28, 30 - 46 and 93 - 94 were rejected as allegedly being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Applicant respectfully disagrees. The instant specification does, indeed, provide adequate support for the limitations pointed to in item 1 of the Office Action.

More particularly, the instant application acknowledges that there were devices already known in the art for transmitting data packets on a bus. The DENG reference cited in the Office Action discloses one device known in the art at the time of the instant application for forming data packets. What is novel in the instant application, is the information transmitted in the data packets. This is supported on page